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B. Armed Forces

I. USSR and "United" Forces (Warsaw Pact)

1. Higher Echelon Organization and Personnel

Soviet press reports of 18 November 1958 mentioned Marshal of the Artillery N.D. Yakovlev as First Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet PVO units (press).

Comment. Marshal of the Artillery N.D. Yakovlev was mentioned in this position for the first time

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2. Total StrengthPersonnel Exchange (GDR-USSR)

Between 13 and 22 Nov 1958, the following additional personnel shipments passed the GDR border:

USSR-GDR 3 loaded trains

GDR-USSR 11 loaded trains

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Comment. With the above 14 shipments, the total number of personnel shipments which have passed the GDR border since the beginning of the exchange program, increased to 114 trains. On the basis of observations at posts and other information, it can, however, be assumed that, until this date, at least about 150 personnel shipments have passed the GDR border, including 83 from the GDR to the USSR and at least 67 from the USSR to the GDR. It is assumed that the personnel exchange will terminate in the first week of Dec.

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II. CzechoslovakiaRecruiting and Replacement Administration

On 5 November 1958, about 150 recruits, allegedly members of the 1938-age class, were observed at provost practices in Saaz (Zatec)

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In early Nov 1958, recruits of the 1938-age class were inducted for military service in Komotau (Chomutov)

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On 5 Nov 1958, 2 recruits of the 1938-age class, ethnic Germans from the Sudetenland, reported for military service in Hultschin (Hlucin)

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Comment. The information confirms that inductions in early Nov proceeded according to schedule the abovementioned inductions presumably concerned deferees of the 1938-age class

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III. HungaryRecruiting and Replacement Administration

In early Nov 1958, recruits were inducted for military service in Budapest (Hungarian Press, 12 Nov 1958).

Comment. The information presumably refers to members of the 1938-age class. So far, no information has been received on a discharge of the 1936-age class

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C. ArmyI. USSR1. Order of Battle (USSR)

a. Soviet press reports mentioned the surnames of the following units:

- (1) Kantemirov Tank Div in the Moscow MD, on 4 Oct 1958;
- (2) Regt Alexander Matrosov in the Baltic MD, on 8 Oct 1958;
- (3) Gds Mecz Taman Red Banner Suvorov Order Div by the name of M.I. Kalinin in the Moscow area, on 8 Oct 1958; C/O Maj Gen I.D. Ivliyev;
- (4) Samara-Ulyanovsk-Iron Div, on 8 Oct 1958;
- (5) On 11 Oct 1958, it was mentioned that the name of Politruk Vasili Georgiyevich Klochkov, who had been killed in action during the war, was carried in the lists of a unit in the Baltic MD "for eternity" (press).

[] Comment. The above information confirms the following units in their known quartering areas until 4 Aug and/or 11 Oct 1958:

4th Gds Tank Div;

254th Gds Rifle Regt (56 (?) Gds Rifle Div)

2nd Gds Mecz Div; Maj Gen I.D. Ivliyev is reported for the first time as commander of this division. His predecessor, Maj Gen Bankusov, was recently reprimanded, presumably because of patronage of sons of prominent personalities;

24th Mtz Rifle Div (Mecz ?) []

V.G. Klochkov is one of the 28 "Heroes of the Soviet Union" of the 8th Gds Mtz Rifle Div "Panfilev".

2. Training (GDR)

Until late Nov, only small-scale training was observed at posts. In addition to intensive training of recruits, firing practices, NCO training and driving practices were continued. Except for the return of elms/2nd Arty Brig/Second Gds Mecz Army (Tank) from Wittstock training grounds to Doeberitz on 23 Nov, no transfers of firing details could be observed []

[] Comment. The continuation of training activities at posts is normal. The behaviour of Soviet units stationed in the Berlin area remained also unchanged. An increase of firing practices outside of posts can be expected after the beginning of the new training year in early December.

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D. Air ForceI. "GDR"Order of Battle

Between 4 and 19 November 1958, Dessau airfield was occupied by 11 IL-14s, 9 Mi-4s and 15 Mi-1s. On 4 and 11 November, there was training in blind flying with IL-14s. The Soviet instructing personnel who previously supervised training, were scheduled to withdraw from the airfield by late 1958. From the beginning of 1959, only training with transport-aircraft was planned to be conducted. The helicopters were scheduled to be handed over to units both of the Border Police and NVA/Sec. The Mi-1 helicopters had been delivered from Poland [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. This information has partially been confirmed by other reports according to which aircraft are to be turned over to units of the NVA and Border Police. It is assumed that helicopters are to be used as artillery and liaison aircraft by the NVA/Land- and NVA/Sec, while Yak-11s and helicopters are scheduled to be used by the Border Police. The supply of Mi-1s = SM-1s from Poland has been reported previously.

II. Poland1. Order of Battle

- a. In January 1958, the "Corps Breslau" [redacted] was organized from the disbanded Fighter Division Breslau-Schoengarten (5106 N / 1655 E) [redacted]. Commander was Colonel Cynkin, his 1st Deputy (operation officer of the Corps) Colonel Zymierski, 2nd Deputy and Technical Officer Lieutenant Colonel Malinowski, and 3rd Deputy and Political Officer Lieutenant Colonel Bielinski. The corps staff consisted of about 60 officers. The following units were subordinate to the corps:

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- (1) Fighter Regiment Breslau-Schoengarten
- (2) Fighter Regiment Bomst (5209 N / 1549 E); Major Romanowski has been commander since June 1958; in April 1958, 25 MiG-15s were observed.
- (3) Fighter Regiment Poznan-Krzesiny (5220 N / 16 58 E); in April 1958, 25 MiG-15s were observed.
- (4) an u/i unit at Poznan-Lawica (5226 N / 1650 E)
- (5) Bomber Regiment Powidz (5223 N / 1751 E); in April 1958, about 25 IL-28s were observed.
- (6) AAA unit at Poznan-Lawica airfield
- (7) AAA unit at Breslau-Karlowitz
- (8) AAA unit at Poznan-Stadt.

There were direct telephone connections between the corps and all subordinate units, but no intercommunication lines were observed between the individual units. Period of observation stopped in July 1958 [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. This new organization tends to indicate that PWO-missions will have precedence although Bomber Regiment Powidz does not seem to fit into this pattern. The AAA unit at Breslau-Karlowitz is probably identical with the 98th AAA Regiment (Home Defense). [redacted]

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the AAA unit at Poznan-Stadt is probably identical with the 13th AAA Regiment, (Home Defense), [redacted] Fighter Regiment Poznan-Krzyszyn seems to be an operational regiment and not a training regiment. The u/i unit at Poznan-Lawica is possibly a depot administration unit.

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- b. It was announced during an officer conference of the 47th BOL at Breslau-Schoengarten in January 1958, that the fighter regiment at Powidz was to be disbanded in March 1958 for the following two reasons:

(1) Economy measures

- (2) Officer shortage. All officers without final high-school examination (Abitur) will have to pass such an examination by 1960; those unable to do this will either have to leave the army or go down the ladder to become EM. This measure will sharpen the officer shortage.

On two days in April 1958, MiGs were no longer observed at Powidz airfield. The disbandment of the fighter regiment was repeatedly confirmed in talks with officers of the 47th BOL prior to July 1958 [redacted]

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Comment. The above information has been reported for the first time.

2. Aircraft Strength

Prior to July 1958, [redacted]

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[redacted] the authorized aircraft strength of a MiG-17 fighter regiment amounted to 25 Mig-17s

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Comment. This report has not been confirmed so far. In view of the financial situation of the Polish Government and reduction of the armed forces, the above mentioned strength seems credible.

3. Training of Troops

In mid-July 1958, the aircraft strength of Fighter Regiment Breslau-Schoengarten [redacted] amounted to 9 to 12 MiG-17s and 15 to 18 MiG-15s; about 60 Mig pilots belonged to the regiment. Two pilots, one technical officer, 1 mechanic and 1 auxiliary mechanic were assigned to each MiG. There were also electricians and maintenance men in charge of instrument equipment. Between May 1957 and mid-July 1958, air activity was conducted without any accidents. No air activity was conducted during poor visibility, i.e. fog, heavy rain and snow. The status of blind flying was poor. Since March 1958, Major Lipski has been commander of the regiment and the air base. The following units were subordinate to him:

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- (1) 47th BLT, [redacted] usually called BOL;
 (2) Radio Technical Battalion [redacted] about 15 officers;
 (3) 11th Night Bomber Squadron equipped with 9 PO-2s, 2 Yak-18s, 2 Yak-12s, and 2 MI-1 Ts, with a strength of about 25 officers and 25 EM; its task was not clearly determined;

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(4) Meteorologists section

The fighter regiment together with all subordinate units participated in the 12-day maneuvers of the Warsaw-Pact member states which started in the last week of June 1958 and terminated at the end of the first week in July 1958. No transfer took place. The maneuvers, in which the Schoengarten unit participated on the side of the defender, proceeded according to plan except for the last day. On that day, two gigantic white clouds of smoke were sighted over the airfield representing two nuclear explosions: two "enemy" IL-28s from the GDR had broken through at an altitude of 200 meters without having been detected by radar sets [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. The 3rd Fighter Regiment, the 47th BOL, and the radar regiment have been reported previously, but the so-called 11th Night Bomber Squadron has not been confirmed so far.

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4. Logistics

The 47th Avio Technical Battalion (Batalion Lotno Techniczny - BLT) [redacted] at Breslau-Schoengarten, under Lieutenant Colonel Srutek since June 1958, was organized as follows in July 1958:

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Headquarters with 18 officers
 Headquarters platoon with 49 EM
 Motor vehicle company with 3 officers and about 125 EM
 Airfield maintenance company with 1 officer and about 25 EM
 Guard company with 1 officer and about 180 EM
 Signal company with 3 officers and about 65 EM
 Company for blind flying and flight control with 4 officers and about 65 EM
 Airfield fire brigade with 1 officer and about 20 EM.

The total strength of the Battalion amounted to 31 officers and about 530 EM. The 47th BLT was in charge of the following tasks:

Guard activity
 Supply
 Flight control
 Telephone and radio communications
 Airfield maintenance
 Fire fighting.

There was, however, no air technical personnel for repairing and maintaining the aircraft and for the operation of radar sets [redacted]

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E. Navy

I. USSR

First Observation of the Hull of the Ex-LUETZOV Cruiser After the War

In August 1958, the hull of a naval vessel was observed under construction at the pier Levaya Damba in Leningrad. It had been shifted there shortly before. According to available information, the half-finished naval vessel definitely is cruiser LUETZOV of the HIPPER Class, which had been turned over to the Soviets in 1939. The sudden appearance of the vessel, which was in perfect condition, gains in importance in connection with the recent transfer from Kronstadt to Leningrad of an uncompleted SVERDLOV cruiser, since the latter showed superstructures which tend to indicate that the vessel was to be constructed as a rocket cruiser

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II. GDR

Construction Program of the Neptune Shipyard, Rostock

Status: October 1958

1. Freighters:

- a. coal firing (C);
- b. oil firing (O);
- c. diesel propulsion (D);
- d. BRANDWACHES;)
- e. research vessel MICHAEL LOMONOSSOW) (will not be considered in this report)

1,564 NRT - 3,258 GRT - approximately 6,500 dwt - 6,739 tons displacement; length overall - 102 to 105.7 meters; length designed water line 95.8 to 98 meters; breadth - 14.4 meters; maximum draft - 6.65 meters; delta - approximately 0.7; 7 watertight sections; 4 hatches; cranes: 10 x 5 tons, 1 x 15 tons, and 1 x 35 tons; 1 x 4-wing screw with 4.8 meters in diameter; one electric quadrant steering gear with button control; jury rudder hand operated; beginning with vessel construction No 31, pedestal for one gun (not yet confirmed); speed: 13 to 15 knots; operating range: 3,900 nautical miles (C), 5,000 nautical miles (O) and 10,000 to 11,000 nautical miles (D); propulsion: 1 Lanz piston-type steam engine with Bauer-Wach exhaust steam turbine with 2,450 HP; and: 2 coal-fired boilers with automatic feeding; approximately 500 tons of coal supply; or: 2 oil boilers with 15 atm gage, 3350, 6.5 t/h steam capacity each; 710 tons of oil supply;

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diesel propulsion:

2 x 940 HP diesel engines (from Halberstadt)) with
 or 2 x 1,250 HP diesel engines (from Coerlitz)) gearing

electric installation:

220 V direct current; 3 x 150 kW-generators;
 diesel vessels: 220/380 V three-phase-current;
 3 x 280 kVA-generators.

Although the sea-keeping qualities of the freighters are said to be poor, the USSR insists on further construction of this type. The order for motor freighters alone is to comprise 40 units, 11 of which are to be delivered in 1959 and 15 in 1960. All vessels are equipped with gyro-compass degaussing gears, echo sounders and radar devices.

Survey on the Freighter Construction Series

Name	Delivered	To
KOLOMNA (C)	1954	USSR
KALUGA (C)	1954	USSR
SMELA (C)	1954	USSR
NESCHIN (C)	late 1954	USSR
KASCHIRA (C)	7 September 1954	USSR
ROSTOCK (C)	1955	GDR
WISMAR (C)	1955	GDR
KRASNOARDEISK? (C)	March 1955	USSR
KOTLAS (C)	April 1955	USSR
KUSNETSK (C)	1955	USSR
KAMENSK (C)	October 1955	USSR
ARSAMAS (C)	1956	USSR
BALASCHOW (C)	1956	USSR
ANGARSK (C)	1956	USSR
BRANDWACHES (coal firing)	March 1956	USSR

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Name	Delivered	To
	July 1956	USSR
BRANDWACHES (oil firing)	August 1956	USSR
	December 1956	USSR
	January 1957	USSR
CHRISTOF BOTEFF	December 1956	Bulgaria
THAELMANN PIGNIER (O)	April 1957	GDR
research vessel MICHAIL LOMONOSSOV (O)	1957	USSR
BRANDWACHES (oil firing)	December 1957	USSR
	December 1957	USSR
ANADIR ? (C)	February 1958	USSR
(C)	February 1958	USSR
(C)	April 1958	USSR or China
(O)	1958	USSR
(C)	May 1958	USSR or China
ALISCHAN (D)	1958	USSR
ANDISCHAN ? (D)	1958	USSR
(D)	launching in December 1957	USSR
(D)	launching on 31 December 1957	USSR
(D)?	being outfitted	USSR
(D)?	being outfitted	USSR
(D)?	on stocks	USSR

2. Lifting vessels with bow crane installation:
length - 46 meters; breadth - 11 meters, draft - 3.75 meters;
lifting capacity 75 tons; displacement approximately 1,200 tons,
685 dwt; the first four vessels with coal boiler, the others
with oil boilers (16 atm gage); 2 triple-expansion engines
with 300 HP each; Klug gearing, 2 screws; speed 11 to 12
knots (estimated).

So far, 11 vessels have been delivered to the USSR; another

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3 were to follow in 1958, and another 3 or 4 in 1959. One vessel is said to have capsized in a Soviet Baltic Harbor during lifting operations in late 1957.

3. Railroad ferry for the traffic between Sassnitz and Travelsburg:

length - 135 to 140 meters; breadth - approximately 18.2 meters; draft - 6.4 to 9.8 meters; 6,000 to 7,000 dwt;

4-railed with a total rail length of approximately 400 meters, for 40 boxcars or 14 to 16 express train coaches (total weight 1,000 tons); 900 passengers, 30 passenger cars; 87 crew members. Total expense 25 to 30 millions DM.

Propulsion: 2 screws (150 revolutions per minute); 4 x 9 cylinder diesel engines (engine factory Halberstadt) with 2,400 HP each; speed: 18 to 18.7 knots; one additional Voith-Schneider installation at the bow.

Laying down of the first vessel SASSNITZ : 1957

Launching : 12 July 1958

Planned commissioning : 1 August 1958.

A second vessel is to be laid on the stocks.

Rumors concerning the fitting-out of vessel SASSNITZ in Warnemunde, have not yet been confirmed.

4. Cargo motor vessel (FRAMO)

999 GRT (?) - 1,600 dwt - 3,540 m³ cargo hold; 1 hatch forward and one hatch aft of the bridge; length overall - 85 meters; length between perpendiculars - 75.64 meters; draft approximately 4 meters (estimated);

1 x 1,650 HP Deuts diesel engine; speed: 12.6 to 13 knots; hydraulically propelled deck engines;

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No. of construction	Launching	Planned Turn-over	To
1	ILRI 19 July 1958	December 1958	shipping company B. Richters, Hamburg
2	BARI 1 November 1958	April 1959	" " "
3		November 1959	" " "
4		February 1960	" " "
5		May 1960	" " "
6		August 1960	" " "

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5. Pilot vessel

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length approximately 22 meters; propelled by diesel engines; delivered to the shipping company Wismar in March 1958.

6. Object GROBIAN, former lifting vessel, is at present being converted into a training vessel (or house boat) of NVA/Sec.

7. Repair work:

All repairs below the water line have to be done at the Neptun Shipyard in Rostock Harbor, the only shipyard in the GDR with floating docks. Past year, several steam trawlers, vessels of the GDR and the USSR Navy were under repair in Rostock Harbor

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F. Premilitary and Paramilitary OrganizationsI. GDR1. Militia and Police TroopsAlert Police (BP)

- a. In October, the following names of commanders of alert police units became known:

Chief of the Alert Police	Maj Gen of the VP (People's Police) Hans Hugo Winkelmann;
Tng Bereitschaft Potsdam	Lt Col of the VP Vogel;
1st Bereitschaft Schwerin	Lt Col of the VP Eichler;
2nd Bereitschaft Basdorf	Lt Col of the VP Wahner;
3rd Bereitschaft Potsdam-Eiche	Lt Col of the VP Philipp;
4th Bereitschaft Magdeburg	Lt Col of the VP Forberg;
5th Bereitschaft Leipzig Mark- kleeberg	Lt Col of the VP Hans Schmidt;
6th Bereitschaft Halle	Lt Col of the VP Roszbach;
7th Bereitschaft Erfurt	Lt Col of the VP Lorenz;
8th Bereitschaft Dresden	Lt Col of the VP Wieprecht;
9th Bereitschaft Karl-Marx- Stadt (Chemnitz)	Lt Col of the VP Pruefer;
10th Bereitschaft Zwickau	Lt Col of the VP Dietz (des/press).

- b. During Sep/Oct 58, swearing-in ceremonies, field exercises, fall inspections and firing competitions of party units were held by the alert police [] (press).

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[] comment. The firing practices included firing with live ammunition of AT batteries (6x76-mm field guns) and mortar companies (6x82-mm mortars) of the Bereitschaften and of subordinate AT platoons []

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- c. The BP competitions in military, nordic and alpine disciplines will be held in Johanngeorgenstadt between 20 and 22 Feb 59 (press).

[] Comment. Johanngeorgenstadt is the post of the II./9th Bereitschaft

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2. Premilitary and Paramilitary OrganizationsCombat Groups (KG)

On 14 Oct 58, Karl Maron, Minister of the Interior, announced that, according to a resolution by the Politburo "home defense units" were to be activated from the previous combat groups (KGs), in addition to the available armed forces of the Ministry for National Defense and the Ministry of the Interior []

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[redacted] Comment. It cannot yet be determined if "home defense unit" is the designation for that part of the combat groups which, analogue to branches of service of the NVA/ground forces, received a military character and/or is to be reorganized into a militia after Czech pattern, or if this designation indicates a new concept of KG units and, possibly, also other organizations, f.e. air defense, GST, FdJ and DRK (German Red Cross) with a view to the emergency case

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[redacted] and compare information on emergency measures in the GDR and Western conceptions of territorial defense.

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II. Yugoslavia

Premilitary Training

[redacted] 80,000 young people have spent 10-15 days in premilitary training camps in Croatia in 1958 (Yugoslav Press of 4 Nov 58).

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